

Senate File 2297 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2091)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to jury service disqualification for certain
2 felons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 48A.30, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. The registered voter is not a resident of Iowa, or the
4 registered voter submits documentation under section 607A.4,
5 subsection 3 5, that indicates that the voter is not a citizen
6 of the United States.

7 Sec. 2. Section 607A.4, Code 2022, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **607A.4 Jury service — minimum qualifications —**
10 **disqualification — documentation.**

11 1. To serve or to be considered for jury service, a person
12 must possess the following minimum qualifications:

13 a. Be eighteen years of age or older.

14 b. Be a citizen of the United States.

15 c. Be able to understand the English language in a written,
16 spoken, or manually signed mode.

17 d. Be able to receive and evaluate information such that the
18 person is capable of rendering satisfactory ~~juror~~ jury service.

19 2. ~~However, a~~ A person possessing the minimum
20 qualifications for service or consideration for service may be
21 disqualified for service or consideration for service if the
22 person has, directly or indirectly, requested to be placed on
23 a list for ~~juror~~ jury service.

24 3. A person convicted of a felony who remains under the
25 supervision of the department of corrections, a judicial
26 district department of correctional services, or the board of
27 parole shall be disqualified from jury service.

28 4. A person convicted of a felony which requires the person
29 to register as a sex offender under chapter 692A or to serve a
30 special sentence under chapter 903B shall be disqualified from
31 jury service.

32 ~~3-~~ 5. A person who claims disqualification for any of
33 the grounds identified in this section may, upon the person's
34 own volition, or shall, upon the court's volition, submit
35 in writing to the court's satisfaction, documentation that

1 verifies disqualification from ~~juror~~ jury service.

2 EXPLANATION

3 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

5 This bill relates to jury service disqualification for
6 certain felons.

7 The bill provides that a person is disqualified from jury
8 service if the person has been convicted of a felony and
9 remains under the supervision of the department of corrections,
10 a judicial district department of correctional services, or
11 the board of parole, or if the person has been convicted of a
12 felony which requires registration as a sex offender under Code
13 chapter 692A or to serve a special sentence under Code chapter
14 903B.

15 The bill makes conforming Code changes.